

SENATE BILL

No. 9

Introduced by Senator Speier
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Lieber)

August 28, 2006

An act to add Section 6259.1 to the Penal Code, relating to corrections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 9, as introduced, Speier. Corrections: community facility beds: female inmates.

Existing law charges the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation with the custody of California inmates.

This bill would authorize the department to enter into contracts for up to 4,500 beds for certain nonviolent female inmates in community facilities, as specified. The community facilities would be required to provide wrap-around services to the female inmates. This bill would also require the department to report to the Legislature, as specified, regarding the progress and effectiveness of housing female inmates in the community facilities.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6259.1 is added to the Penal Code, to
- 2 read:
- 3 6259.1. (a) The Department of Corrections and
- 4 Rehabilitation is authorized to enter into contracts for up to 4,500

1 beds in community facilities for female inmates with no history
2 of serious or violent offenses and who are not required to register
3 as a sex offender under Section 290 subject to all of the
4 following.

5 (1) Any community facility with which the department
6 contracts shall provide the female inmates housed in the facility
7 with “wrap-around” services designed specifically for female
8 inmates, including, but not limited to, education, vocational and
9 work programs, parenting and life skills, medical care, substance
10 abuse and trauma treatment programs, prerelease planning, and
11 programs designed to build and strengthen family support
12 systems and family involvement during the period of
13 incarceration.

14 (2) All custody responsibilities for the inmates housed in the
15 community facilities shall be provided by department personnel.

16 (3) The department shall work with communities to plan,
17 develop, and operate the community facilities based on the latest
18 research and focused on successful reentry.

19 (4) The department shall consider proposals to contract with
20 community facilities with up to 200 beds.

21 (b) The department shall provide a progress report to the
22 Legislature on or before May 14, 2007, regarding the community
23 facilities and programs identified for use by the department
24 pursuant to this section. The report shall include, but not be
25 limited to, the following information:

26 (1) The total number of community facilities proposed for use
27 under this section.

28 (2) The geographic location of each of the proposed
29 community facilities, and a description of why locations were
30 selected, not selected, or not proposed to be served by a
31 community facility under this section.

32 (3) The number of beds in each proposed community facility,
33 including a description of any specialized beds, such as substance
34 abuse or mental health treatment beds.

35 (4) The provider of each proposed community facility,
36 including a description of whether the provider is public or
37 private.

38 (5) A detailed description of the “wrap-around” programs to
39 be available at each proposed community facility, including, but
40 not limited to, education, health care, vocation, substance abuse

1 and trauma treatment programs, which are designed to reduce
2 female offender recidivism, and the percentage of inmates who
3 participate in each of these programs.

4 (6) A detailed description of programs designed to build and
5 strengthen family support systems and family involvement to be
6 available for inmates during the period of incarceration at the
7 community facilities, including, but not limited to, the frequency
8 of family visiting periods.

9 (7) A description of any obstacles or barriers to providing the
10 beds authorized by this section encountered by the department.

11 (c) On or before April 1, 2011, the department shall provide a
12 final report to the Legislature on the effectiveness of the
13 community facilities and programs used by the department
14 pursuant to this section. The report shall include an update of the
15 information required by subdivision (b) and, in addition, shall
16 include the following:

17 (1) The recidivism rate of paroled female offenders who were
18 housed in facilities pursuant to this section as compared to the
19 recidivism rate of paroled female offenders housed in traditional
20 correctional facilities.

21 (2) The per capita cost of housing female inmates in the
22 community facilities.

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